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SUBJECT: DEPORTATION OF AMERICAN JOURNALIST FROM LEBANON

REFS: A) BEIRUT 9671, B) STATE 179988

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1. CIRCUMSTANCES EDWARD HUGHES DEPORTATION REPORTED REFTEL A.

2. ACCORDING JULY 31 ISSUE DAILY STAR (BEIRUT'S ENGLISH-LANGUAGE PAPER), DIRECTORATE OF PUBLIC SECURITY (SURETE GENERAL) DEPORTED HUGHES QUOTE AFTER ESTABLISHING THAT HE HAD LIVED IN ISRAEL FOR TWO YEARS END QUOTE. ARTICLE ADDS THAT HUGHES QUOTE DENIED HE HAD BEEN TO ISRAEL OR THAT HE HAD UNDERTAKEN ANY SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY IN LEBANON END QUOTE. END UNCLASSIFIED

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3. OUR OWN SOURCES INFORM US, PRIVATELY AND NOT FOR ATTRIBUTION, THAT LOCAL AUTHORITIES WERE SUSPICIOUS OF HUGHES' ACTIVITIES WHILE RESIDING IN ISRAEL. OUR SOURCES UNABLE, HOWEVER, TO PROVIDE US WITH OFFICIAL REASON FOR DEPORTATION AND INFORMED US THAT THIS CAN BE OBTAINED ONLY ON WRITTEN REQUEST. WE ARE SENDING LETTER TO COL ANTOINE DAHDAH, DIRECTOR GENERAL, SURETE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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GENERAL, REQUESTING OFFICIAL REASONS FOR DEPORTATION BUT CANNOT

PREDICT WHEN REPLY WILL BE RECEIVED. DCM INTENDS RAISE ISSUE
WITH DAHDAAH DURING VISIT IN NEAR FUTURE.

4. WE ARE NOT AWARE OF ANY SPECIFIC LAW DENYING ENTRY TO LEBANON
TO PAST RESIDENTS OF ISRAEL. IF IT EXISTS, IT IS MOST OFTEN
HONORED IN THE BREACH. THUS, WE ASSUME OFFICIAL REASON, WHEN
RECEIVED, WILL CONCERN ITSELF WITH DISCRETIONARY AUTHORITY OF
LEBANESE TO EXCLUDE ANY PERSON WHOSE HISTORY RAISES SUSPICION OF
ACTIVITIES PREJUDICIAL TO LEBANON'S PUBLIC SECURITY. END
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5. IN VIEW INDEFINITE NATURE OF REASONS BEHIND DEPORTATION, WE
BELIEVE PRESS STATEMENT SHOULD CONFINE ITSELF TO CONFIRMATION OF
FACTS OF ARREST AND DEPORTATION. IF ASKED, SPOKESMAN COULD STATE
THAT OFFICIAL REASON FOR DEPORTATION NOT YET KNOWN BUT EMBASSY IS
CONTINUING EFFORTS TO OBTAIN THIS INFORMATION. END UNCLASSIFIED.
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